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# Beauty and your brains

**Associated Press**

Beauty is in the brain of the beholder.

Go to any museum and there will be men and women admiring paintings and sculpture. But it turns out they are thinking about the sight differently.

Men process beauty on the right side of their brains, while women use their whole brain to do the job, researchers report in Tuesday's electronic edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

Researchers were surprised by the finding.

"It is well known that there are differences between brain activity in women and men in cognitive tasks," said researcher Camilo J. Cela-Conde of the University of Baleares in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. "However, why should this kind of difference appear in the case of appreciation of beauty?"

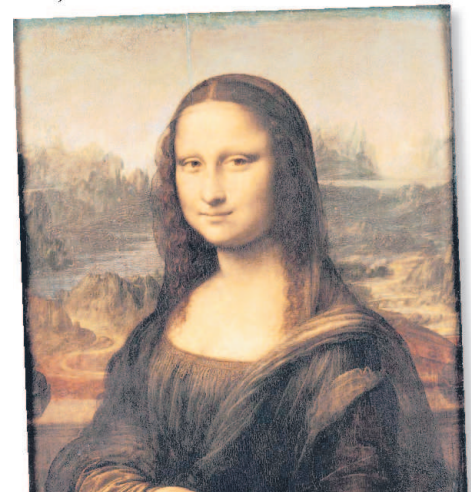
The answer seems to be that when women consider a visual object they link it to language, while men concentrate on the spatial aspects of the object, Cela-Conde said in an interview by e-mail.

The researchers tested 10 men and 10 women, showing them paintings and photos of urban scenes and landscapes, asking them to rate each scene as either "beautiful" or "not beautiful."

While there are differences between people as to what is beautiful and what isn't, Cela-Conde said they did not find identifiable differences related to sex.

"Any person can find beautiful a landscape, a building or a canvas that some others will find awful. But sex has little to do with those differences. Perhaps they relate with other variables, such as age or education," he said.

"It is curious that, using different neural networks, the final result is very similar in women and men. But this seems to be the case," Cela-Conde said.



Peter Mazza can't believe his eyes Monday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange as the Dow Jones industrial average plummets 251 points to close at 7,114.78, the lowest close since Oct. 28, 1997. AP

# GOING DOWN

## Stocks keep falling as investors 'throw in the towel'

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** Wall Street has turned the clock back to 1997.

Investors unable to extinguish their worries about a recession that has no end in sight dumped stocks again Monday. The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled 251 points to its lowest close since Oct. 28, 1997.

All the major indexes slid more than 3 percent. The Dow is just over 100 points from 7,000.

"People left and right are throwing in the towel," said Keith Springer, president of Capital Financial Advisory Services.

Investors pounded most financial stocks even as government agencies led by the Treasury Department said they would launch a revamped bank rescue program this week. The plan includes the option of increasing government ownership in financial institutions without having to pour more taxpayer money into them.

Although the government has said it doesn't want to nationalize banks, many investors are clearly still concerned that

### HOW LOW?

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow dropped 250.89, or 3.41 percent, to 7,114.78. It last closed this low on Oct. 28, 1997, when it finished at 6,971.32. The Dow hasn't traded below the 7,000 mark since October 1997.

this could be a possibility as banks continue to suffer severe losses because of the recession. They're also worried that banks' losses will keep escalating as the recession sends more borrowers into default.

"The biggest thing I see here is the incredible pessimism," Springer said. "The government is doing a lousy job of alleviating fears."

President Obama held court at a fiscal summit Monday in Washington, where he pledged to dramatically slash the skyrocketing annual budget deficit as he started to dole out the record \$787 billion economic stimulus package he signed last week. Obama's stated goal is to cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term.

Elsewhere, the Treasury and other agen-

cies issued a statement after The Wall Street Journal reported that Citigroup is in talks for the government to boost its stake in the bank to as much as 40 percent. Analysts said the market wanted more details of the government's plans.

"It's only a very partial picture of what we may get," said Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist at The Hartford. "This proverbial lack of clarity is damaging market psychology."

Meanwhile, technology stocks fell after The Journal reported that Yahoo's new chief executive plans to reorganize the company. But the selling came across the market as pessimism about the recession and its toll on companies deepened.

"There's nowhere to hide anymore," said Jim Herrick, director of equity trading at Baird & Co.

The market's decline extends massive losses from last week when the major stock indexes tumbled more than 6 percent. The major indexes plunged through the lows they reached in late November, at the height of the credit crisis.



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» "Going Public" sends a CTA shout-out to a superb bus operator, Berretzdus Thompson, who, on Monday morning, greeted No. 3-King Drive bus riders cheerfully; provided concise directions and took the extra step of asking patrons at stops if they needed bus-catching assistance. The CTA needs to clone this woman, stat.

## CTA misery: The stages of grief

Lately, the CTA seems to be swept up in a perfect storm of mass transit mishaps.

On Wednesday, a derailment mucked up commutes along the Blue Line's O'Hare branch. That same day, CTA board officials grappled with how to deal with an unexpected budget deficit of approximately \$242 million.

Then, on Thursday, the agency yanked 200 articulated buses off the street due to potential safety issues.

With all the bad bus and rail news, there's no question riders and CTA officials are experiencing going-public grief. The only question is: which of the seven stages?

**Shock** Poor, poor Dorval Carter Jr. The acting CTA president barely warmed his temporary CTA seat when—bang!—the RTA on Feb. 13 alerts the agency that it could be deep in the budget hole. Can you say shock? "My first knowledge about these very serious projections that the RTA has given us occurred this week," Carter told the Tribune. "It was surprising."

**Denial** CTA Board Chairwoman Carole Brown seemed to be in the denial stage, judging from her remarks at the agency's board meeting last Wednesday. "I'm confused," Brown said of the "doomsday" double-whammy dropped on the agency by the RTA, according to the Tribune. "How can we amend 2008 budget marks in February 2009?"

**Bargaining** Put a sticker on the CTA? That's pretty much the advice of Andersonville's Gary Karlin, who suggested the system be treated like the Chicago Skyway and privatized. "Since when has government run anything well?" Karlin, 42, asked in an e-mail, before answering his own question: "Never."

**Guilt** Senior rider Tony Volpe doesn't want to be part of dooming the CTA. "Do away with former Gov. Blagojevich's move to make seniors ride for free," wrote Volpe, a self-proclaimed frequent bus and Red Line rider who lives in the Gold Coast. "I am 71 years old, use CTA buses and the Red Line on a regular basis, and would be willing to pay half fare. There is no reason why seniors should get a totally free ride when receiving such a valuable service."

**Anger** South Sider Essie Fox sounded hopping mad in an e-mail that called the current CTA situation "ludicrous," and proof that "the City of Chicago is going to H-E-double-hockey-sticks, and fast." Well, at least Fox watched her language.

**Depression** One Woodridge rider blames the agency for its own undoing. "No wonder the CTA is losing money," Sarah Davis, 30, wrote. "It takes less time to walk than to ride, so why bother riding? So long, CTA! Hello, walking shoes."

**Acceptance and hope** Hearing crickets and seeing tumbleweeds on this level, but correct me if I'm wrong, riders.



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# Should you send a scathing e-mail?



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I have seen and heard about some absolutely amazing employee exits over the years — from a flying shoe to people telling bosses where to stick things.

Personally, I'm not the type to send an angry e-mail. I do, however, understand why people feel the need to have the last word.

After years of hard work and dedication, you're asked to leave. It's just frustrating!

The final office outburst is just that: an outburst, a way to vent your frustrations at anyone who you think wronged you over the years.

If you are going to go, go out with a bang. What's the worst they can do ... fire you?



**Handle it with care**

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A wise woman once told me never to write down anything I wouldn't care to see again.

That woman was my mother, who, as a schoolteacher, intercepted the many notes that circulated her classroom. Typically, the note-writer suffered supreme embarrassment.

A similarly humiliating fate awaits those who fire off angry e-mails in a workplace setting.

Post-pink slip, you probably assume there is nothing left to lose. It would be cathartic to berate your boob of a boss and "cc" everyone in creation.

But consider the long-term effect: your legacy reduced to a nasty note in an inbox, or an office joke forwarded on into e-mail infamy.

The higher-ups have taken your livelihood and sense of security. Don't let them snatch your sanity too.

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Jason Shugars put "So long, suckers! I'm out!" in the subject line of his goodbye e-mail when he left Google for the Web site Imeem. "I didn't want to send out a stale 'Good working with you, please reach me here' e-mail," he said. **L.A. TIMES**



# Farewell freakouts

## Goodbye e-mails to co-workers can be sentimental—or explosive

**Los Angeles Times**

It was not the most eloquent subject line for a farewell e-mail to 5,000 co-workers: “So long, suckers! I’m out!” But Jason Shugars worked at Google, whose off-center corporate culture is more forgiving than that of your average buttoned-down bank. In the rest of his goodbye, Shugars, a senior sales compliance specialist, reminisced about workplace moments that included putting cake down his pants at a sales conference, stealing a boss’ \$8,000 leather couch and singing “Hit Me Baby One More Time” in a miniskirt and braids.

“It took me a long time to write it,” said Shugars, 34, who left Google to become director of ad operations for the music streaming Web site Imeem. “I didn’t want to send out a stale ‘Good working with you, please reach me here’ e-mail. Who wants that?”

That’s a good question these days, now that thousands of people are finding themselves with pink slips and the need to let colleagues and contacts know they are moving on.

The farewell e-mail has suddenly become commonplace, a new art form in the electronic age. Yet like so many aspects of the Internet era—how to un-friend on Facebook, how much to reveal on a personal blog—the technology has gotten ahead of the etiquette. There are, quite simply, no rules.

Some farewell e-mails, like Shugars’, strike a lighthearted, even funny tone. Some are workmanlike and short. Others are poetic or poignant, expressing surprise or regret at the turn of events. A very few—and these are the ones that get most of the attention—use the electronic goodbye to blast the boss.

In May, lawyer Shinyung Oh was let go from the San Francisco branch of the Paul Hastings law firm six days after losing a baby. The seven-year associate composed a blistering e-mail to the partners and fired it off to about 1,000 colleagues around the world.

She accused the firm’s partners of “heartlessness” and of blaming her for failing to generate business “that should have been brought in by each of you.” “If this response seems particularly emotional,” she wrote to the partners, “perhaps an associate’s emotion-

al vulnerability after a recent miscarriage is a factor you should consider the next time you fire or lay someone off. It shows startlingly poor judgment and management skills—and cowardice—on your parts.”

Oh has no regrets. She also is changing professions.

“I am glad I spoke out,” said Oh, 38, who has launched a blog, is taking writing classes and is pregnant again. “It made me reassess my life, and that’s a good thing.”

Outplacement professionals, naturally, are against the parting shot because they fear for a person’s ability to land a new job.

Vent to your mom or boyfriend, said Alison Doyle, a job search expert on **about.com**. “You can have all these feelings, but you shouldn’t necessarily share them. And don’t go on about how terrible this is, and ‘I don’t know how I am gonna buy the groceries.’ Err on the side of too little information rather than too much.”

A few years ago, an aspiring comedy writer named Chris Kula penned a long mock farewell e-mail on his blog. At the time, Kula was a receptionist at a New York engineering firm, honing his craft on the side.

“For nearly as long as I’ve worked here,” he wrote, “I’ve hoped that I might one day leave this company. And now that this dream has become a reality, please know that I could not have reached this goal without your unending lack of support.”

The missive was linked on blogs around the English-speaking world and was even plagiarized by an Irish employee of the accounting firm Ernst & Young, who was forced to apologize (not to Kula, but to his former bosses), when he disseminated the letter as his own.

For Kula, however, the fake farewell, which he penned after deciding to leave the engineering firm, was a career boon.

“I used it as a sample piece,” said Kula, 29, who was hired by a Web site that specialized in office-based humor, which led to a gig with an improv troupe, which led to an agent and his current job, writing for “MADtv.”

“I always wondered if the guys at the engineering firm saw it,” Kula said. “I would love to know if they still talk about it.”

## Good night, and good luck

Having a little trouble finding the words to say goodbye to your office? RedEye is here to help. Just fill in the blanks.

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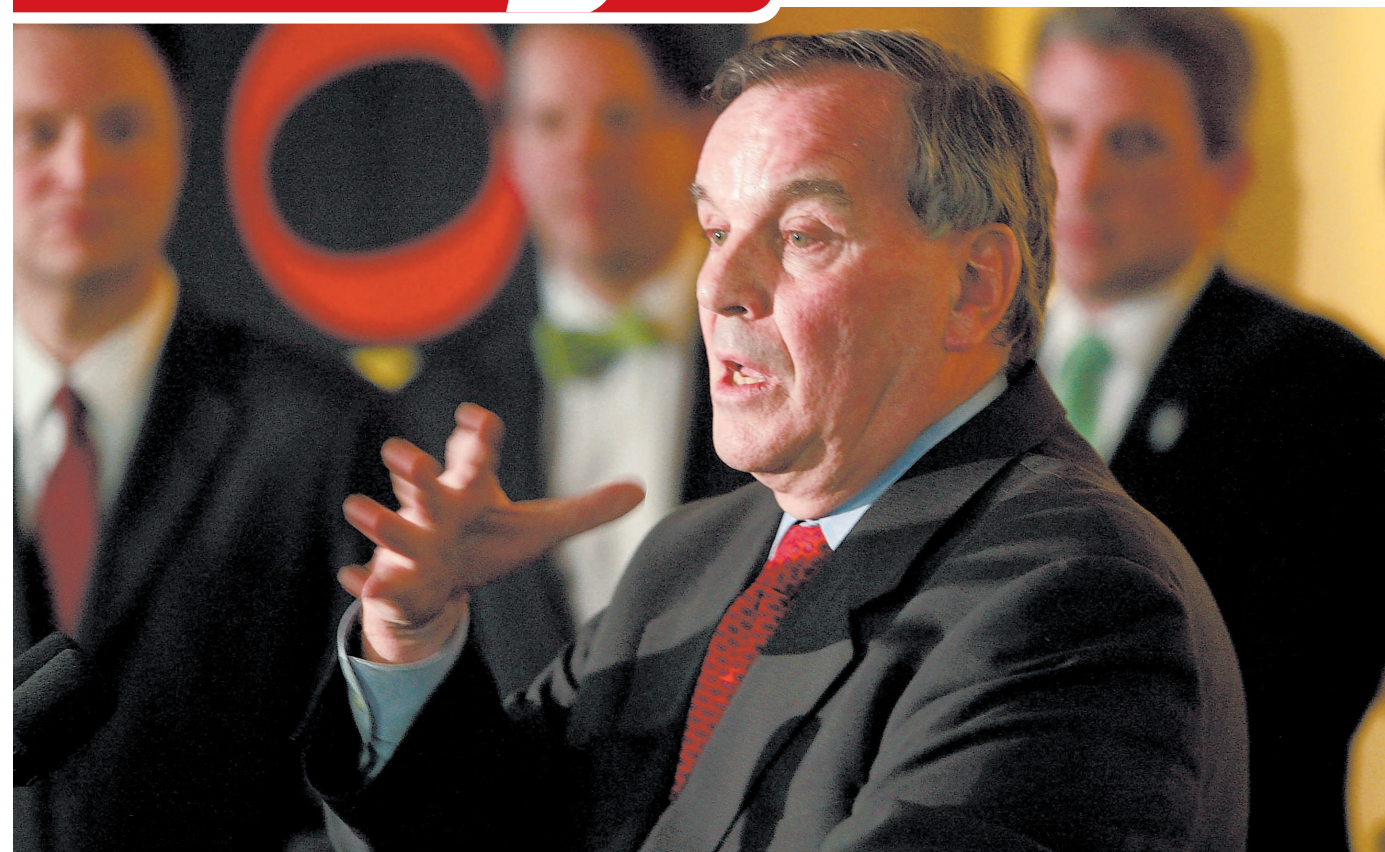
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## Daley on YouTube

**Mayor says channel's wide reach will allow him to 'talk to residents directly'**

### Chicago Tribune

Da mayor, meet da Internet.

Mayor Daley on Monday joined the queen of England and the pope as influential leaders who have their own YouTube channels.

But unlike Queen Elizabeth and Pope Benedict XVI, Daley must run for re-election every four years to keep his job. And he made it clear the channel would give him an opportunity that might make other politicians salivate.

"This site is an opportunity to talk to residents directly," he said, noting YouTube's wide reach. Daley made the announcement at the Loop headquarters of Google Chicago, his partner in creating and running the site. It will promote Chicago

across the globe, the mayor said.

"I guess it promotes me," he added later, when asked about the political edge the site might provide. "Yes, I'm the mayor of the City of Chicago, and it promotes Chicago."

Asked whether the site would include videos that were critical of him, he responded, "We'll see, I don't know yet."

Some of the 23 videos on the site, [youtube.com/mayordaley](http://youtube.com/mayordaley), feature Daley meeting with out-of-town dignitaries and business leaders. In one, he jokes around in his office with local personality Billy Dec, co-host of NBC's "24/7 Chicago: Secrets of the City."

In another, a pre-election Barack Obama praises the mayor.

Obama talks about the improvements in the city since he moved there in 1985, saying they show "astonishing leadership that this man has shown over two decades. ... He is an outstanding mayor."

Not to be seen were any of the mayor's well-known tongue-twisters or testy exchanges with the media. Here, for

instance, is the mayor berating several aldermen for voting against a tax increase to fund the CTA.

Since former President Bill Clinton first held televised town hall meetings, contemporary politicians have sought new ways to bypass the often-critical coverage of the mainstream media and speak directly to voters.

When asked if he was trying to do the same, Daley said he is the only public official in Illinois to hold "a press conference three or four times a week."

Jim Lecinski, managing director of Google's central region, said no taxpayer dollars were used to create the site, and Daley said it did not involve spending taxpayer funds.

But some of the videos up on the site were made with city money for the Chicago Works cable TV channels. They were originally produced to be aired on the city's municipal access channel, not for the mayor's Web site, said Jacquelyn Heard, the mayor's press secretary.

## Instead of birthday bash, family plans teen's funeral

### Chicago Tribune

The first thing Beverly Cole thought when she woke up Monday morning was that she had to wish her brother Johnny Edwards a happy birthday.

Then it hit her all over again that her brother was dead. He would not be turning 14 on Monday.

"I broke down crying," said Cole, 19.

Johnny, a 7th grader at Mireles Academy, was killed Friday along with Raheem Washington, 15, and Kendrick Pitts, 17, after gang members gunned them down with an assault rifle near 87th Street and Exchange Avenue, police said.

"He didn't live his life. He was still a baby," Cole said.

Johnny's stepfather, Raymond Brown, said he had put off buying his son a birthday card until Monday, when he could also slip in a little cash.

Instead, the family was left making funeral arrangements and remembering how he made them laugh and treated young nephews and nieces with kindness. Services for Johnny are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday in A.R. Leak Funeral Home, 7838 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.

"You ask Johnny to do anything, if he could he would help you out. He was a sweet boy," Brown said. "I just miss him. We would laugh and joke. I thank God for letting him be in my life."

On the 2800 block of East 87th Street, police forensic technicians and detectives spent part of Monday combing through a vacant lot and checking the side of an apartment building for bullet holes.

In the hopes of tamping down any more violence, Chicago Public Schools officials said security was beefed up at Mireles and Bowen High School, where Washington and Pitts attended school. At dismissal time, more than a dozen police vehicles were standing guard outside of Bowen, and students reported seeing more police inside the building than usual.

For students like Emerson Smith, 18, who was a friend of Pitts, the gang violence comes with living in the neighborhood.

"It's just average life around here," said Smith, with a shrug.



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# Grape news, wine lovers

A new bill allowing out-of-state wine retailers to ship and sell directly to Illinois consumers was introduced last week by state Rep. Julie Hamos (D-Evanston).

The legislation, if approved as written, would require out-of-state retailers to obtain a shipping license and pay Illinois sales tax.

Hamos' legislation seeks to reverse a version of the law in place since last July that prohibited Illinois residents from ordering wine from out-of-state retailers and other non-winery vendors located outside Illinois. Wineries in and out of Illinois may ship directly to residents here after obtaining a state shipping permit.

There has been persistent grumbling ever since from wine lovers no longer able to find the bottles they desire. Lawmakers changed the law because of a 2005 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Granholm v. Heald*, which involved the states of Michigan and New York. The justices ruled a state could not discriminate against out-of-state wineries when it came to direct shipping.

Illinois' new law gave residents more opportunity to buy from out-of-state wineries while restricting purchases from stores, Internet vendors and auction houses located out-of-state.

# Burris plans to be in D.C. on Tuesday

Embattled U.S. Sen. Roland Burris is keeping a low profile in Illinois before returning to Washington.

Burris spokesman Jim O'Connor says the senator spent Monday in Chicago but plans to be in Washington on Tuesday for the joint session of Congress at 8 p.m.

It'll be Burris' first appearance in the nation's capital since he acknowledged trying to raise money for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich while seeking the Senate appointment.

Blagojevich is charged with trying to sell President Obama's former Senate seat, although he's denied any wrongdoing.

Burris holds the seat that Obama forfeited to run for president. White House spokesman Robert Gibbs had suggested last week that Burris should take some time over the weekend to think about his future.

Burris has resisted calls for his resignation. He met Sunday with about 50 black ministers. Rev. Leonard Barr says the group urged Burris to stay put. Another minister told The Associated Press last week that some clergy wanted Burris to resign.



Keith Henry (left), an unidentified family member and Yolana Henry (right) appear Monday at the Cook County Courthouse in Chicago. Frederick Goings, accused of killing NBA player Eddy Curry's ex-girlfriend Nova Henry and her infant daughter Ava, was denied bail. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE**

# Hearing held in slayings of Curry's ex, child

A black Range Rover belonging to Fredrick Goings was parked just outside Nova Henry's townhome early on the morning of Jan. 24, hours before her body and that of her infant daughter Ava were discovered lying in pools of blood, a prosecutor said Monday in court.

Using cell phone records, investigators tracked down the SUV to the parking lot of an Indiana hotel. Inside the vehicle they found a bullet and a casing that matched the caliber of those used to kill Henry and her daughter. Authorities also found what they later determined was gunshot residue.

As Cook County Assistant State's Atty. John Dillon laid out the preliminary case against Goings, 36, sobs could be heard from the courtroom gallery throughout the hearing before Judge Maura Slattery-Boyle.

Slattery-Boyle ordered Goings held without bail. He had been the chief suspect since the slayings, which occurred on Goings' birthday,

according to court records.

He was arrested on Friday and charged two days later with two counts of first-degree murder. Henry and her 10-month-old daughter with former Chicago Bulls player Eddy Curry were found shot to death in their South Loop apartment. Henry's 3-year-old son Noah, also Curry's child, was found asleep on a chair with blood on his feet and his hands.

Autopsies found that Henry was shot six times—in the head, lower back, leg and each arm, as well as a graze to the chest, Dillon said. Ava had been shot twice, once in the head and another time in the back.

Goings' lawyer, John Lyke, declined to speak with reporters after the hearing, but said in court that his client had been a lawyer since 2003 and has a 4-year-old daughter. His relatives also were in the gallery.

Neither family spoke after the hearing.

# Ricketts resigns from board

Tom Ricketts has resigned from TD Ameritrade's board after his family sold \$403 million of its stock in the online brokerage to help finance its bid to buy the Cubs. The family still controls about 17.7 percent of Ameritrade's stock, but it lost one of its three board seats. So Tom Ricketts, who has represented the family in its bid to buy the Cubs, resigned.

# Attorney resigns in Hudson case

The lawyer for a man accused of killing the mother, brother and nephew of Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson has withdrawn from the case. Joshua Kutnick says he will no longer represent William Balfour, who is the estranged husband of Hudson's sister Julia. Kutnick says he believes Balfour is innocent, but the high-profile case involves intense hours, and he can't support it financially. Balfour, 27, will be assigned a public defender. He is next due in court April 1.

# Red Line reroutes planned

Late-night northbound service on the Red Line between Fullerton and Cermak-Chinatown will be rerouted from the subway to the elevated tracks Tuesday to permit crews to replace deteriorating rail ties, the CTA said. The reroute will occur from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following morning. Southbound service will be rerouted in the same way over the same hours Wednesday through Friday morning. More information available at [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com).

**DIGIT**

**44**

FBI agents and police have arrested 44 Chicago-area adults as part of a nationwide crackdown on child prostitution. Nationwide, the roundup dubbed Operation Cross Country resulted in 571 arrests in 29 cities. All of the Illinois arrests were in the Chicago area.



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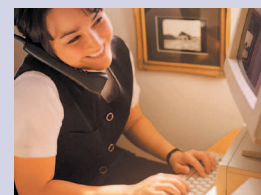
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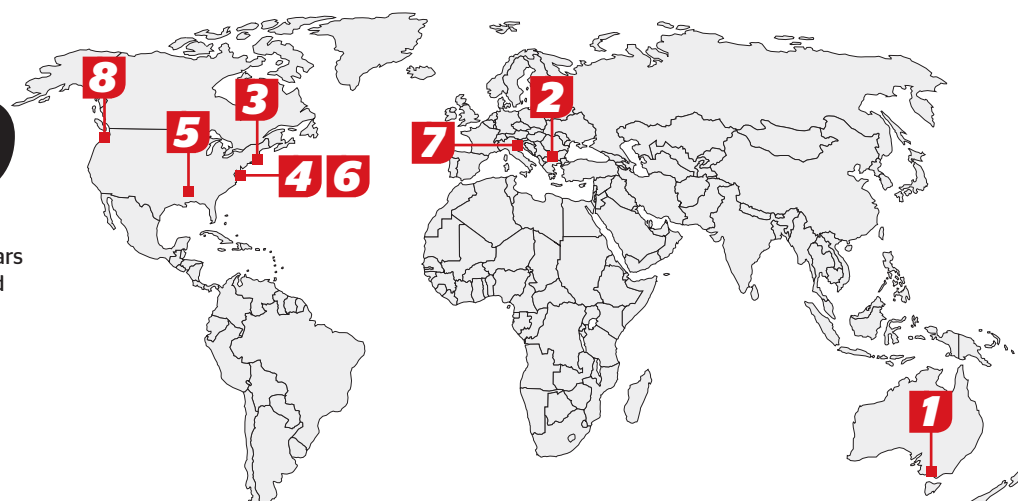
Oh no, not again

**1 BELGRAVE HEIGHTS, Australia** With terrifying memories of Australia's deadliest wildfires still fresh, Melbourne-area residents chose to flee rather than protect their homes Monday when new blazes broke containment lines and threatened the fringes of the country's second-largest city. **AP**

**DIGIT**

**360**

**2** A Bulgarian grandmaster appears to have broken the world record for the highest number of chess games played simultaneously—360—organizers in Sofia said Monday.



**N.Y.'s new archbishop**

**3** Pope Benedict XVI on Monday named Archbishop Timothy Dolan, who has led the archdiocese of Milwaukee for the last seven years, to succeed Cardinal Edward Egan as the Roman Catholic archbishop of New York. **AP PHOTO**

**Ginsburg back on bench**

**4** Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg returned to the Supreme Court bench Monday, a little over two weeks after her second major bout with cancer prompted questions about her health and the possibility of a quick court vacancy for President Obama to fill.

**8 inmates escape**

**5** Eight inmates used part of a bed to chip through a wall and escape from jail in Columbia, Miss., the sheriff said Monday. Six of the men had been captured by afternoon.

**Major storm**

A winter storm blew through northern New England on Monday, dumping 2 feet of snow in spots, forcing hundreds of schools to cancel classes and leaving tens of thousands of homes and businesses without power.

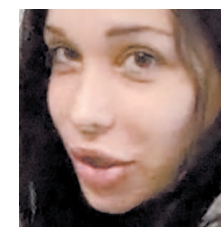
**Clinton bound for Israel, West Bank**

**6** U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will visit Israel and the West Bank next week for her first trip to the region as America's top diplomat, Israeli and Palestinian officials said Monday.

**Ciao, Coca-Cola**

**7** The mayor of Venice says it's a good business deal. But bar owners and the media are criticizing his plan to install Coca-Cola vending machines in their world famous city of gondolas, masked street performers and flooded streets.

# Donor wants DNA test for octuplets



**Suleman**

A former boyfriend of Nadya Suleman wants DNA testing to determine if he's the father of her 14 children, including her nearly month-old octuplets.

Denis Beaudoin told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday that he donated sperm to Suleman during their three-year relationship in the late 1990s

because she claimed to have ovarian cancer.

Suleman denied Beaudoin was the donor she used to conceive her children, ABC said. When pressed, she admitted he had donated sperm to her but he was unable to have children, the network said. Beaudoin is divorced and has two children from the marriage.

Beaudoin still wants DNA testing. He said was misled about why she needed him to make three sperm donations "because she couldn't have kids and, you know, it turned into this."

Regardless of whether such tests show he is the father, Beaudoin pledged to help Suleman, because "it's hard nowadays to raise two kids, let alone 14 kids."

Suleman has not responded to repeated interview requests from The Associated Press. Her phone has been disconnected, and she no longer has a publicist.

All 14 of her children were conceived through in vitro fertilization, with sperm from an unidentified, platonic friend, the 33-year-old mother has said.

Single and unemployed, Suleman gave birth to octuplets on Jan. 26. She already had six other children.

Beaudoin claims Suleman's older children bear a resemblance to him.

# Microsoft's layoff plan crashes

**8 SEATTLE** A few weeks after launching the first wide-scale layoffs in its history, Microsoft admits it screwed up a key part of the plan.

The company is asking some laid-off employees for a portion of their severance back, saying an administrative glitch caused the software maker to pay them too much.

Lou Gellos, a Microsoft spokesman, would not say how many of the 1,400 workers let go in January were overpaid, or by how much. Microsoft has said severance would be calculated by length of service and position in the company.

The Redmond, Wash.-based software maker is asking former employees for reimbursement, by check or money order, within two weeks, according to a redacted letter posted by technology blog TechCrunch. Gellos confirmed the letter's authenticity.





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# CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENT

## Bulls try to get new players into the mix without throwing off veteran players

### Chicago Tribune

Ask any NBA player if he'd prefer practice or a game, and the universal response would rival Allen Iverson's famous and incredulous diatribe.

"Practice? We talkin' about practice!"

Tim Thomas pondered that question Monday, and his answer showed remarkable restraint.

"You need the practice or walk-through to get familiar with the sets and try to learn each other," Thomas said. "But the games really help you because it's coming so fast. The best way to jell with new teammates and figure out stuff like where they like the ball is by playing games."

Thomas, John Salmons, Brad Miller and their new teammates get their wish Tuesday when the Bulls begin a stretch of four games in five nights. The veteran forward estimated

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS Sunday vs. Indiana

**Brad Miller:** 6 points, 10 rebounds, 1 assist  
**John Salmons:** 12 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists  
**Tim Thomas:** 5 points, 1 rebound

the acclimation process at "one to two weeks." Should it not go smoothly, it could imperil the Bulls' playoff chances.

Perhaps an even more critical element is chemistry. The Bulls made their third-quarter run in Sunday's loss to the Pacers with the three new players on the court. But incumbents like Ben

Gordon looked lost in an out-of-sync fourth quarter that cost them the game.

"We ran real basic stuff to try to make it simple for the new guys," coach Vinny Del Negro said. "It helped them, but I think it got the other guys out of their flow a bit. So there's some give-and-take there."

On the day of the trade, General Manager John Paxson acknowledged the growing pains of the acclimation process as well.

"It's such an unknown, and I wish I could tell

you," Paxson said. "I do think when you bring in new guys, there will be new juice to practices. But that's the toughest challenge for Vinny and his staff—to get those guys to mesh."

George Karl, whose Nuggets were in town Friday, almost seemed to predict Sunday's flat loss, even while offering a more optimistic view about acclimation.

"You could lose a game, maybe two because of not being familiar enough with each other," Karl said. "But there's also a honeymoon and a spirit of 'we can do this' that comes with the package."

As Salmons and Thomas both said Monday: Basketball is basketball.

"The more games we play, the more comfortable everyone will get with each other," Salmons said. "It was good to practice and make some mistakes without it costing us anything. But we need to play."

Iverson would be proud.

## In noobs we trust?

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers if the Bulls trades help or hurt them as they fight for the playoffs.

### @rangelie

We'd have a better shot of making the playoffs this year if Pax brought back Ed Nealy and Will Perdue. Not enough cap room.

### @marchar-

ty The trades will help ... but Del Negro? Not so much ... sigh.

**@donkeypuncher** Help. Vinny should say, 'We get off the bus running a Rose/Miller high screen and roll.'

**@turd\_furguson** The players they got were on terrible teams because they're terrible.

**@videocognito** The trades were just to serve the calls for change. Sure, we dumped Larry Hughes and got a big, but this season's long lost.

**@micekman** I don't think the trades make a difference. The Eastern Conference blows.

**@mtmaloney** Help. Miller is a solid post-up presence, Salmons is a good swing man, both are less selfish shooters than Hughes and Nocioni.

**@MattSTKC** Nothing can save them, but maybe some fresh faces will be a kick in the shorts to the other players to get it together!

**@TRandellChicago** Help. I think they have 2 strong role players. Let Gordon be the 6th man. D-Rose, Ty Thomas, B. Miller will be key players. **COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG**

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# Alt Fives

Q101.1's Alex Quigley is a big Bears and Cubs fan, so forgive him his perpetual disappointment. Listen to him from 3 to 6 p.m. weekdays.

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<b>1</b> What are you gonna call this new version of the Bulls?	Vickie.	"Miller Light": Pay's great, less fulfilling.	Bullistic: They've become overwrought or irrational.	Bulls—Beta (version 0.67853c) <a href="https://twitter.com/iphoneapps140">@iphoneapps140</a>	Derrick and the Jordanares.
<b>2</b> How well will Orlando's Dwight Howard do on the dunk-o-meter against the Bulls?	So well that time will stop and the dunk-o-meter will turn into the Shawon-o-meter.	I expect Dominique Wilkins-caliber highlights, and Pam Anderson-caliber celebratory chest-bumps.	Not well. Even Dwight Howard can't Superman that Jo.	Give him a 4. It isn't hard to dunk on the Bulls since '98. <a href="https://twitter.com/salaminizer">@salaminizer</a>	It won't matter. He'll be shown up by a dude who's 14 inches shorter wearing green shoes. Again.
<b>3</b> We need a shorter, easier way to refer to Jeff Samardzija. What should it be?	Vickie.	"Dzj." Rolls right off the tongue.	Boo J. A wide receiver from Notre Dame? Joke's on "Boo."	Mr. Mxyzptlk <a href="https://twitter.com/rcpatterson">@rcpatterson</a>	In honor of "WALL-E's" award at Sunday's Oscars, I say MARD-Z. Flows well.
<b>4</b> What are you hoping the Blackhawks do before the NHL trade deadline?	Keep Khabi, the nucleus but still make a deal for a veteran forward.	Bow down to Ovechkin's greatness. That's right: bandwagon Capitals fan, here.	Revive the streak but the Blackhawks aren't that buff.	Find another center, and maybe clone Duncan Keith. Mostly, keep it awesome. <a href="https://twitter.com/ChiBlackhawks">@ChiBlackhawks</a>	Find a way to disqualify the Red Wings from the postseason.
<b>5</b> Who should be on bubble watch in college basketball?	Jerry Wainwright.	Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Specifically, they should listen for a distinct popping sound.	I'd love to say UF, but we've already blown the bubble.	Northwestern. Oh, wait. That bubble popped last night. <a href="https://twitter.com/sizzlemaker">@sizzlemaker</a>	Bourbon and hookers. (I was told you're supposed to say this on your first day.)



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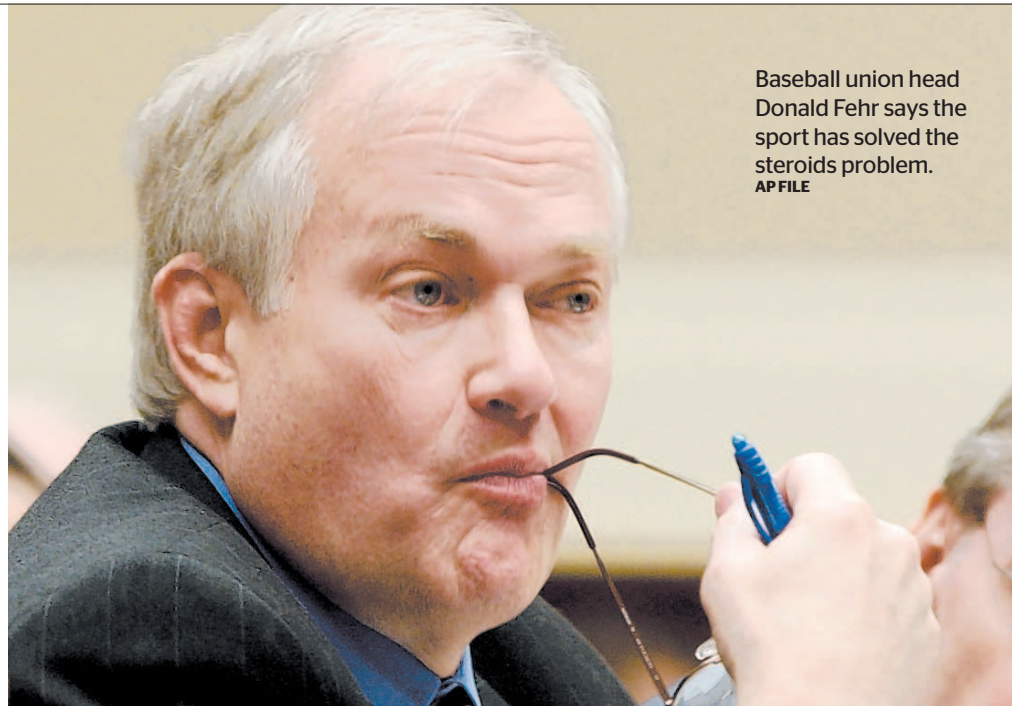
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Baseball union head Donald Fehr says the sport has solved the steroids problem.  
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This A-Rod story just won't die, unlike the Yankees' postseason hopes did last season. Anyhow, word is he made some claims in his "admission" last week that don't exactly ring true upon further investigation.

There's no way he'd get up in front of all of America and lie, would he? I'm sure there's more to come.

Here now, my TV picks.

#### NHL



#### BLACKHAWKS AT NASHVILLE

7 P.M. CSN  
Do the Blackhawks ever play at the United Center?

#### NBA



#### BULLS VS. ORLANDO

7 P.M. WGN  
The Bulls play at the United Center, although I use the term "play" loosely.

#### HOLY @#%\*!

9:30 P.M. VERSUS  
Apparently, this is all about wipeouts. But I'll watch based on the name alone.

#### BONDS' TRAINER ORDERED TO COURT

A federal judge has ordered Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, to court to disclose whether he intends to testify at the slugger's trial next month. A judge has barred prosecutors from using key evidence, such as positive steroids tests, at Bonds' March 2 trial unless Anderson testifies.

## DONALD FEHR: PROBLEM IS FIXED

**JUPITER, Fla.** Baseball union head Donald Fehr began his annual tour of Spring Training camps Monday with steroids back in the spotlight, even though he says the sport has "fixed the problem" since the 2003 survey that led to a report that Alex Rodriguez tested positive.

Rodriguez admitted Feb. 9 that he used a banned substance from 2001-2003. Commissioner Bud Selig said Rodriguez shamed the sport.

"Everybody understands that there were things which happened in the early part of the decade which we wish hadn't; that's not the case anymore," Fehr said. "We fixed the problem and we need to look forward ..."

Testing in 2003 was to be confidential. Fehr rejected the suggestion all players in 2003 are under suspicion because 104 of them tested positive.

"If that's the judgment, it seems to me that is entirely wrong," Fehr said. "The number of positives we had was slightly over 5 percent. That means that slightly over 94 percent was negative."

Fehr said the union will try to ensure the names remain confidential. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering the fate of the list.

## Sign language

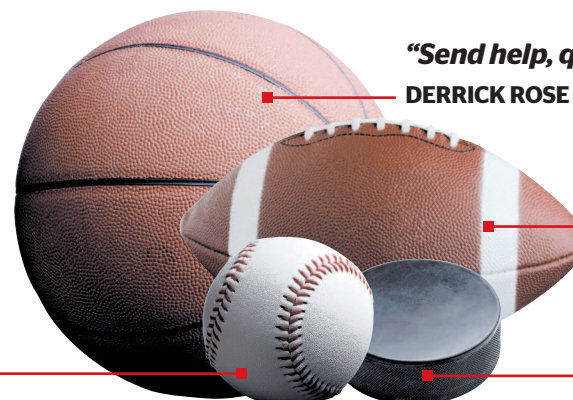
New York Yankees great Yogi Berra is famous for his perplexing quips — Mickey Mantle, not so much.

That's what makes a baseball being auctioned by Grey Flannel Auctions so interesting. Mantle signed the ball, but he added the words "[bleep] Yogi." The two were teammates.

No explanation for the unique autograph is given, but it got us thinking about messages other athletes might send in their autographs.

**"%#@!% the Cubs. We won a World Series!"**

**OZZIE GUILLEN**



**"Send help, quick."**

**DERRICK ROSE**

**"Will throw football for food."**

**REX GROSSMAN**

**"We'll try not to get swept in the playoffs."**

**PATRICK KANE**

#### HOMETOWN HITS



Carlos Marmol pulled out of the World Baseball Classic on Monday.



The Bears made a contract offer to John St. Clair, hoping not to lose the offensive tackle to free agency. Financial terms discussed were not disclosed.



The Slaughter signed Dennison Robinson, the 2008 Arena Football League defensive player of the year with the Rush, on Monday. He led the AFL with 13 interceptions.



Illinois State has hired Dan Shula, the grandson of Hall of Famer Don Shula, as an offensive assistant.

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL Like father, like son

The Big 12 suspended Texas Tech coach Pat Knight for one game Monday for complaining about officiating after a loss Saturday to Texas A&M. The son of Bob Knight also was publicly reprimanded after running onto the court twice to argue a call in a game against Nebraska.



**Pat Knight**

#### MIXED MARTIAL ARTS Pennsylvania ready for Ultimate Fighting

Pennsylvania will allow mixed martial arts events after state officials wrote new safety regulations. Pennsylvania expects to regulate four to five events a month. Promoters and fighters must be licensed and insured. Fighters also must take a pre-fight physical, and emergency personnel must be at ringside at all times.



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# Get your beads on

## Swing into the Big Easy spirit at these Fat Tuesday bashes

By Lisa Arnett

We gotta give props to Mardi Gras. Filling that lull between Super Bowl and St. Pat's, trusty Fat Tuesday is a much-needed excuse for week-night partying.

We checked in with six new bars celebrating their very first Mardi Gras. While some opt to stick with the classic Fat Tuesday trifecta of hurricanes, gumbo and beads, others are mixing it up with ice luges, disco beats and cocktail punch cards. Mardi hard, people.

**More online!**  
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### The Zoo

3369 N. Clark St. 773-697-4511  
8 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover

Deck yourself out in a mask and your disco best at this retro-style Masquerade Ball. Sip \$5 Captain Morgan hurricanes and groove to disco and new wave tunes spun by DJs Dave Roberts and Peter Propaganda.

### Harry Caray's Tavern

3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800  
7-10 p.m. \$25

Put on your party hat and fill up on a Cajun buffet stocked with cornmeal-crusted catfish, gumbo and jambalaya while you watch the New Orleans parade playing on the 10-foot projection screen. Package includes hurricanes and domestic drafts.

### The Fifty/50

2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050  
4 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover

Nothing says party time like doing a shot off an ice luge. Local T-shirt company Loop Apparel sponsors this sure-to-be-wild bash, featuring half-price appetizers, \$6 Dragon Bleu martinis, \$4 ice luge shots and \$4 Stella drafts. Try your luck with these two giveaways: a \$100 gift certificate for the gal sporting the most beads at night's end and a free shot for everyone in the bar if the Bulls score 100 points and win the game.

### Toasted Ox

2470 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-697-4752  
5 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover

Having trouble picking your Fat Tuesday poison? Buy a 6-drink punch card (\$25), good for a hurricane, mint julep, hand grenade, house martini and well cocktail of your choice. The kitchen turns out bowls of jambalaya and gumbo for \$5 each (or \$5 for both added on to your punch card). Catch local musicians performing in the bar's twice-monthly acoustic showcase (9 p.m.).

### Wild Pug

4810 N. Broadway. 773-784-4811  
4 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover

Still steamy from its Valentine's Day Underwear Party, this gay bar in Uptown keeps the party going with \$9 Monsoon pitchers, modeled after the rum-based fruit punch served in New Orleans restaurant Port of Call. For some sustenance, head to sibling bar Crew (4804 N. Broadway) next door for homemade gumbo (\$5-\$7.75).

### Simone's Bar

960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601  
11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover

What's that you say? Getting smacked in the head with plastic beads isn't your idea of a good time? This new Pilsen hangout celebrates Fat Tuesday the low-key way by cooking up jambalaya (\$7)—just the thing to match with that \$3 draft of Pinstripe red ale from Ska Brewing.

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**Fat Tuesday fare**

Fat Cat, 4840 N. Broadway. 773-506-3100.

Get dinner and a drink for about \$12 when the Uptown bar fetes Fat Tuesday with a \$7.95 buffet of Louisiana-inspired fare. Get crawfish, po' boys, jambalaya and king cakes; \$4 beer specials include Abita Amber and Turbodog drafts and Jockamo and Purple Haze bottles. Partial Abita sales benefit the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation. 6 p.m. **Cost:** No cover

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Various bars, including The Whistler, 2421 N. Milwaukee Ave.

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**'Lost' viewing party**

The Fifty/50, 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

Fans of ABC's dramatic series have a new place to ponder plot twists, play "Lost" trivia games and win prizes while sipping \$5 Jameson and Corzo tequila cocktails. 7:30 p.m. **Cost:** No cover

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Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-7336.

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## Fat Tuesday parties

### BOOTLEGGERS

6 p.m.: Mardi Gras on Division Street. Festivities start at Bootleggers with acoustic music from Reverie and a New Orleans dance off. At 7 p.m. head to a concert featuring Local H and A Birdsong Valentine at the Original Mothers (26 W. Division St.). At 11 p.m., watch performance artist E from Artbeat Live! paint New Orleans musical greats at Shenannigans House of Beer (16 W. Division St.). The Second Line Brass Band and stilt walkers perform and hand out beads on the street. Prices vary; 13 W. Division St. 312-266-0944.

### CITYSCAPE BAR

3 p.m.: Celebrate with \$7 Mardi Gras-themed cocktails, including the King Cake martini

(Absolut Citron, pineapple juice, rose nectar and Chambord) and Carnival 15 (Absolut Citron, PAMA pomegranate liqueur, Chambord, muddled strawberries and champagne). No cover; 350 W. Mart Center Drive Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 15th Floor. 312-836-5000.

### CLIMAX LOUNGE

9 p.m.: Sye Young and guest DJs spin. Drink specials include \$7 well drinks. No cover; 324 W. Chicago Ave. 312-280-9800.

### DICK'S LAST RESORT

7:30 p.m.: Includes beads, masks, a costume contest and live music by The Project. Specials include \$2.75 SoCo hurricane cocktails; 315 N. Dearborn St. 312-836-7870.

### DUNLAY'S ON CLARK

4:30 p.m.: Chef Andrew Easterday prepares jambalaya, gumbo, and red beans and rice in addition to the regular menu. Specials include \$5 hurricanes and \$3 The Big Easy shots (gin, rum, vodka and melon liqueur). No cover; 2600 N. Clark St. 773-883-6000.

### F.O'MAHONY'S

8 p.m.: Take a trip to the French Quarter with samba dancers, jambalaya, Leblon cocktails and beads. Specials include \$4 Corona and Corona Light bottles and \$6 20-ounce hurricanes. No cover; 3701 N. Broadway. 773-549-0226.

### FAT CAT

6 p.m.: Dine on a \$7.95 buffet of Louisiana-inspired fare, such as crawfish, po' boys, jambalaya and king cakes. Drink specials include \$4 Abita Amber and Turbodog drafts and



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### FIZZ BAR & GRILL

5 p.m.: Includes Cajun food items, \$5 hurricanes and live New Orleans tunes. No cover; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

### JAKE MELNICK'S CORNER TAP

6:30 p.m.: Louisiana Beer and Cajun Cuisine Pairing. A Fat Tuesday party and fundraiser includes tastings of four Abita brews and Creole food to match. Blue Plate Special plays live zydeco tunes. \$30; 41 E. Superior St. 312-266-0400.

### KIT KAT LOUNGE AND SUPPER CLUB

5:30 p.m.: A masquerade ball features half-price martinis, a New Orleans-style menu and performances by Kit Kat Diva Traci Ross. Prices vary. Reservations recommended; 3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111.

### LINCOLN STATION

4 p.m.: Includes free jambalaya (4-11 p.m.) and drink specials such as \$2.50 Magic Hat #9 pints and \$4 hurricanes. No cover; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

### MOONSHINE

5 p.m.: Cajun Crawfish Boil. Grab some free beads and dine on Cajun menu specials such as gumbo and jambalaya (\$10, part of the chef's menu), crawfish served by the bucket (\$5), and a hot sauce bar. Drink specials include \$4 hurricanes. No cover; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

### PLYMOUTH RESTAURANT & BAR

4 p.m.: A complimentary buffet includes catfish, jambalaya and fried okra. Specials include \$2.50 Fat Tires, \$3.50 grape bombs and \$6 Miller Lite pitchers. No cover; 327 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-362-1212.

### STRETCH RUN

11 a.m.: Celebrate with raffles and Cajun dishes such as chicken jambalaya, crawfish fettuccini and gumbo, plus \$5 hurricanes and \$3 bottles of Corona. No cover; 544 N. La Salle St. 312-644-4477.

### TIMOTHY O'TOOLE'S

5:30 p.m.: Get beads and other giveaways while grazing on a complimentary Mardi Gras buffet of gumbo, etouffee, po' boy sandwiches, cornbread, fried okra and hush puppies. Drink specials include \$6 hurricanes and \$14 Heineken pitchers. No cover; 622 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-642-0700.

### UNCLE FATTY'S

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10:30 p.m. Cover varies.  
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**LUKE PYTEL**  
9:30 p.m. \$7. B.L.U.E.S.,  
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**MARK BURNELL**  
7 p.m. Free. The  
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9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy  
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**MIDWAY RAMBLERS CAJUN BAND**  
12:15 p.m. Free. Chicago  
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White and black stage a comeback on runway and red carpet

## From news services

The big guns—Angelina Jolie, Kate Winslet and Sean Penn among them—went with black at Sunday's Academy Awards, but white and almost whites were a hit too.

It's no wonder, Chicago designer Sam Kori George told RedEye on Monday, "Black and white is so easy. It's timeless and always clean, always appropriate," said the designer, who won the first "Oscars Designer Challenge" for emerging designers with a platinum gown he created.

George said that with the economic downturn, fashionistas are more likely to go for black or white garments because it is a classic, or "eternal" trend, as he calls it.

"Right now people don't want to invest in a garment for one season," he said.

Fashionistas will see more of the trend this fall, if the New York Fashion Week runways are any indication.

Darkness once again ruled Calvin Klein's runway show in New York last week, this time with a focus on intentionally pieced-together pieces that mimicked puzzles.

Sometimes the sections were big and loosely shaped, other times they were small and laser cut. Both ways they fit the smart, understated look that is the Calvin Klein signature. Dresses with wraparound swaths of plisse (think several layers of frayed-edge fabric all together) created the right amount of drama without being overwhelming.

The sharp nature of the almost all-black collection was a natural follow-up to the very geometric spring collection—which was almost all white.

Black seeped into the collections of Michael Kors, Luca Luca, Marchesa, Monique Lhuillier and Narciso Rodriguez as well. It lingered in Ralph Lauren's collection, but he also showed white, including his chic winter-white embroidered and shearling coats.

On Sunday, Jolie and Brad Pitt looked very much like Hollywood royalty at the Kodak Theatre in black. She wore a black strapless gown by Elie Saab, accessorized with green drop earrings, and he wore a classic bow tie.

Vanessa Hudgens and Robin Wright Penn also went with black. Winslet wore a gray satin and black

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Michael Kors  
collection  
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Calvin Klein  
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tulle dress by Atelier Yves Saint Laurent by Stefano Pilati. She looked "flawless," said stylist Mary Alice Stephenson. "Everything is right!"

Jolie's twist with the jewels showcased another trend that Candy Pratts Price, executive fashion director of [style.com](http://style.com), brought up during Fashion Week on Friday.

Black, while safe, doesn't have to be boring, Price said, especially if you dig up some accessories you probably already own such as a brooch or a necklace.

"It's time to bring out the jewelry," she said. "And gold would be fabulous, it doesn't have to be diamonds."

Leading the charge of light colors on the Oscar red carpet Sunday was Mickey Rourke in his Jean Paul Gaultier suit without a tie.

Jessica Biel wore a sleek Prada strapless column gown in shiny white satin with a bow detail on the front. Anne Hathaway, Penelope Cruz, Miley Cyrus and Taraji P. Henson also wore mostly white gowns.

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# Black to basics

The black and white color combo is always a classic fashion "do." The 2009 way to update is to add in bold prints, loud stripes or animal print—whether it be just a hint of blouse poking out from beneath a jacket or a full dress. Whichever way you go, black and white is a chic choice.

JOANNA GUSTAFSON IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



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**Akira Black Label tree print sheath, \$64 at Akira**



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**White House Black Market floral print skirt, \$79 at White House Black Market**



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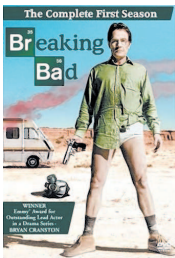
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There's no economic downturn in Flo Rida's world. On his new single, the "Low" rapper is still throwing money around to strippers, popping bottles and flaunting his Cartier watch. It's pure escapism, with its spacey synths and its irresistible hook recycled from Dead or Alive's "You Spin Me Round." **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

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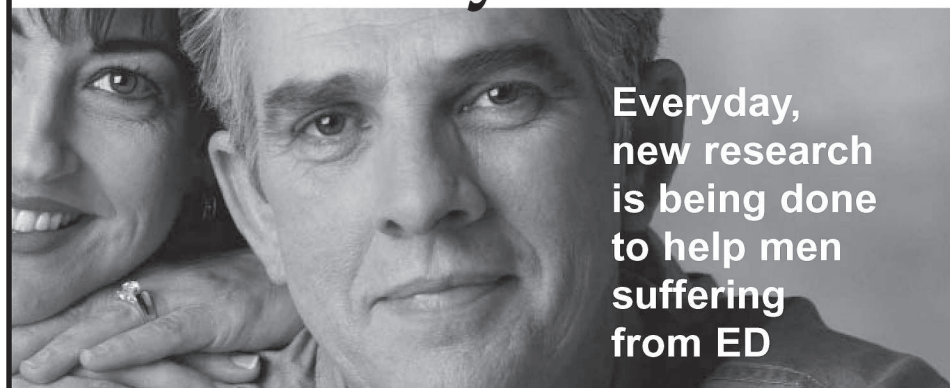




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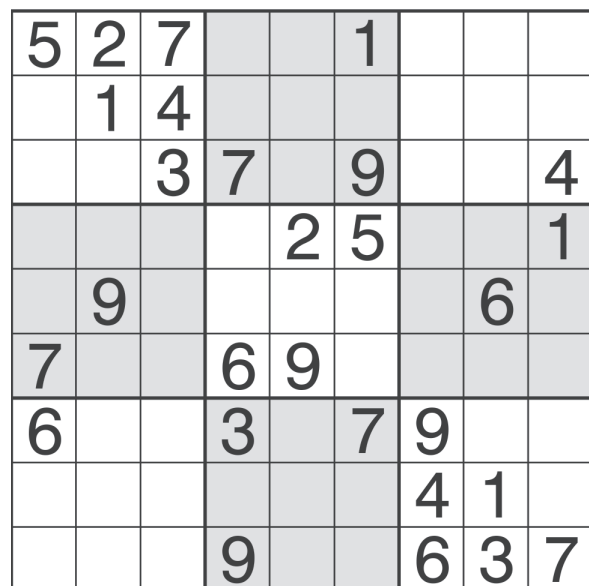


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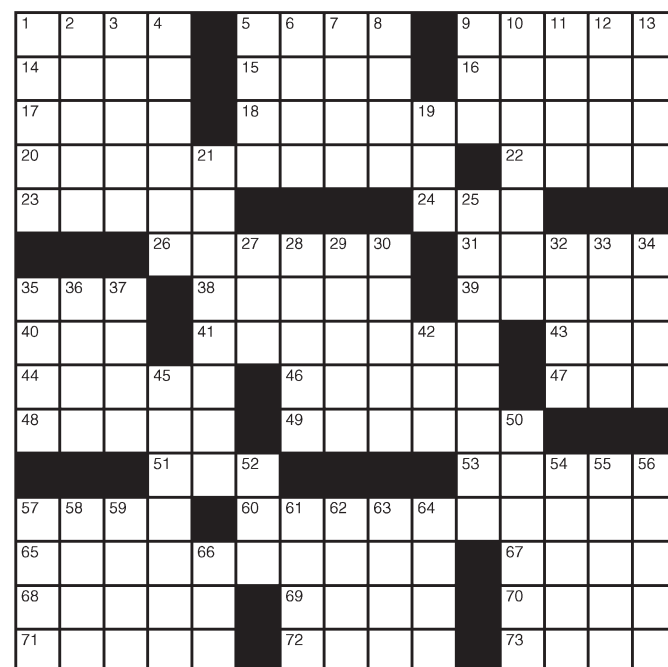
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# 'Idol' casting call

## These celebrities would totally rock an 'American Idol' movie

Self-proclaimed "American Idol" addict Anthony Hopkins says he wants to play judge Simon Cowell if a movie about the show is ever made.

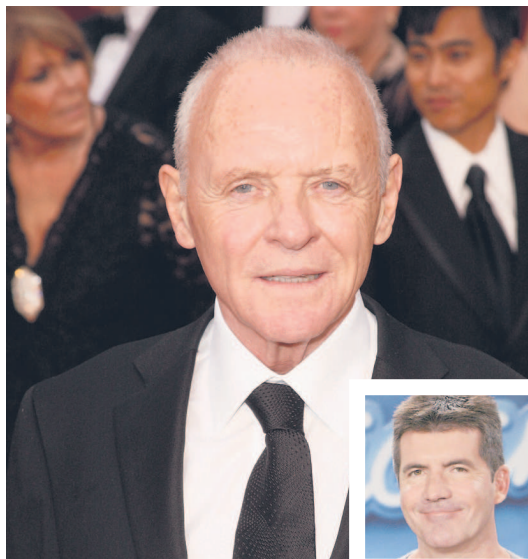
Repeat: The guy who played Hannibal "the cannibal" Lecter wants to take on the role of America's favorite pithy Brit.

"We are 'American Idol' addicts," Hopkins told MTV

News at the Oscars, adding that Cowell is his favorite "because he's so brutally honest. There's no political correctness with him. He says it as it is."

Makes sense to us. RedEye's here to get the ball rolling with ideas for filling out a potential "Idol" cast. And if anyone's looking for a title, we humbly suggest "'Idol' Hands."

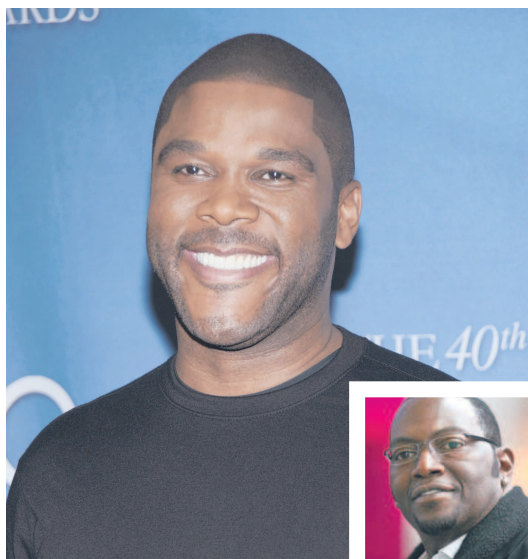
### THE JUDGES



Anthony Hopkins as Simon Cowell (inset)



Jennifer Lopez as Paula Abdul (inset)



Tyler Perry as Randy Jackson (inset)



Megan Fox as Kara DioGuardi (inset)

### THE CONTESTANTS



Andy Samberg as the goofy contestant who has no chance of winning



Dakota Fanning as the small-town girl with big-city dreams



Robert Pattinson as the shy but talented male contender



## Twitter idols

We asked our Twitter followers who they would cast in an "American Idol" movie. Here are some answers. Try out for RedEye on Twitter at [twitter.com/redeyechicago](https://twitter.com/redeyechicago). COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG.

**@Outsanity:** I'd like to see David Hasselhoff take a go at an English voice.

**@rickgregg:** I don't know who I'd cast, but do you think Anthony would take Paula Abdul's liver with fava beans and a nice chianti?

**@phantomtweeter:** Seth Rogen as Simon. Crazy, I know, but fun. Anthony Hopkins perfect tho cause he'd eat up the competition. Get it?

**@travelplacesguy:** Kenan Thompson as Randy, Alicia Keys as Paula, Neil Patrick Harris as Ryan and Rupert Everett as the brooding Brit Simon.

**@mamapr:** Hopkins as Simon yes, Eddie Murphy/Randy, Margot Kidder/Paula, Christian Bale/Ryan, I think this cast wld b interesting 2 watch!

**@johnroa:** The Joker. Another guy who loves to kill people in public for his own amusement.

**@WilliamPHunt:** Christian Bale—or would that rant of "you're awful" be too violent for idol?

**@LisaFrame:** I would cast Jean-Claude Van Damme. Those martial arts skills and broad shoulders could make an uncanny Simon Cowell.

**@natg115:** The one and only Sean Penn as Simon, Penelope Cruz as Paula (I think she can portray the crazy.)

**@MattSTKC:** Bret McKinzie of Flight of the Conchords. Would make a great Young Simon, and cause he's hilarious!!





**Model Lauren Gish and Sam Kori George**

## Work it

A Chicago fashion designer bested six other finalists, including First Lady Michelle Obama fave Maria Pinto, to win the "Oscars Designer Challenge," an emerging designer fashion competition. Model Lauren Gish wore Sam Kori George's strapless, form-fitting platinum gown with handmade orchids on the Oscar stage and during a red carpet pre-show Sunday. "I did not expect to win," George told RedEye on Monday. "It's pretty amazing." He also got a little starry-eyed. "Jennifer Aniston was adorable," he said. For more on Sam Kori George, go to [redeyechicago.com/showpatrol](http://redeyechicago.com/showpatrol).



### Food fight?

Was "Top Chef" judge Tom Colicchio taking a jab at Chicago chef and James Beard winner Grant Achatz in a new Diet Coke commercial? In the spot, Colicchio mentions "shrimp nests," which sounds like a slam at Achatz's culinary style. In an e-mail, Achatz told the Tribune's

Stew blog he thought the commercial was funny: "It's great to be recognized in pop culture and I look forward to doing a Pepsi commercial with will.i.am."

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### Final smackdown

Who do you think will be crowned "Top Chef" Wednesday? Text **"top"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

**1.** Carla **2.** Hosea **3.** Stefan

### Burger brawl

Note to celebrities: Fights at restaurants are never a good idea (right, Kid Rock?). Rapper N.O.R.E. (formerly known as Noreaga of "SuperThug" fame) was arrested early Sunday on misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct charges after a fight with a customer at Fatburger in Miami Beach, Fla., the AP reports. Authorities said the rapper punched a man in the face and yelled "Do you know who I am?"

### Courtroom drama

A judge kept temporary restraining orders against Britney Spears' ex-BFF Sam Lutfi and ex-BF Adnan Ghalib until at least Wednesday, E! News reports. Spears' dad, Jamie, went to court Monday to testify on why the orders were necessary after Lutfi allegedly attempted to contact Britney through texting and via her hairstylist. Lutfi, who earlier this month filed suit for unpaid management fees and defamation, said in court papers that his attempts at indirect communication were not threatening or harassing.



### Chisholm

### New Baby Spice

Melanie Chisholm, a.k.a. Sporty Spice, has given birth to a daughter, **people.com** reports. Mel C. welcomed Scarlet Starr at 4:10 p.m. Sunday in London. The baby girl weighed in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and is "beautiful" and "doing fine," the singer announced on her Web site. Scarlet is the first child for Mel C., 35, and her partner of six years, Thomas Starr.



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## Grey days ahead?

Is McDreamy leaving "Grey's Anatomy"?

With rumors swirling that T.R. Knight and Katherine Heigl are exiting the hit show, Entertainment Weekly reports that the plot summary for the March 12 episode suggests Derek, Dempsey's character, also might be on his way out. According to EW, "After learning at a deposition that more of his patients have died than survived, Derek decides to quit."

The end—or just a plot twist? EW says a "Grey's" insider says Dempsey is not leaving the show.



### THE VELVET ROPE

#### Nicky Hilton: L.A. ranger

Nicky Hilton made a citizen's arrest outside a West Hollywood IHOP on Saturday morning after a homeless man knocked her to the ground, L.A. County Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore told [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com). She said, "I'm placing you under citizen's arrest!" Whitmore told Us. The man was charged with misdemeanor battery.

#### Tyra's short list

Calling all you shorties. You, too, can be a supermodel. Tyra Banks is trying something new for the 13th season of "America's Next Top Model." She's accepting contestants 5-foot-7, the industry's usual minimum height requirement, and shorter. The show's casting producers will be in Chicago on March 25. For more, go to [cwvtv.com](http://cwvtv.com).



#### Chicago's sexiest vegetarian

Could PETA's "Sexiest Vegetarian Next Door" be living next to you? Hyde Park's Sheena Spikes, 24, is representing Chicago as one of 12 finalists in PETA's bracket-style contest to name a sexy vegetarian. Check out Sheena's competition or vote for her at [goveg.com](http://goveg.com).



### OSCAR REVIEW

## Party like a rock star

Lots of Oscars after-parties Sunday had all the glam and celebrity fraternizing of past soirees, though guest lists were substantially slashed and simple comfort food reigned. Here are the highlights from The Associated Press:

» Kate Winslet, Meryl Streep (both below), John Mayer and Jennifer Aniston were spotted at the posh Vanity Fair party at the hilltop Sunset Tower Hotel.



» Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson attended the Mercedes-Benz after-party at the Montage Beverly Hills.

» Best actor winner Sean Penn and nominees Taraji P. Henson, Marisa Tomei, Amy Adams and Anne

Hathaway were just a few of the stars who made the Governors Ball at the Kodak Theatre their first post-Oscars stop.

» A preppers Nicole Richie partied until 4 a.m. at a private bash, [theinsider.com](http://theinsider.com) reports.

# 36.3 million

Number of viewers who tuned in to the Oscars on Sunday night, according to Nielsen. That's up about 13 percent from last year's record low of 32 million.

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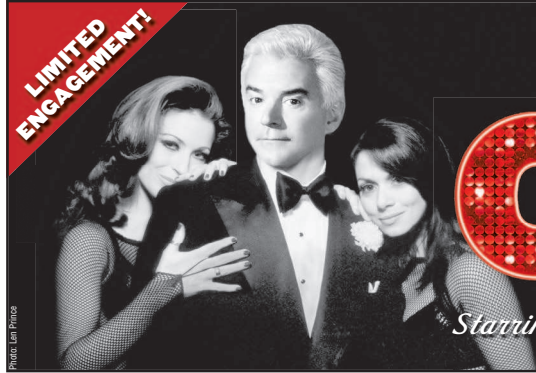
## And the record goes to ...

Which year saw a record 55 million tuning in to the Oscars? Text "view" and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a text back telling you whether you got it right.

1) 1996  
2) 1998

3) 2001  
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